

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiroaki ITO *et al.*

Title: A PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR
INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE COMPRISING IL-6
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 25, 2008.
This Amendment and Reply accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and fulfills
the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

A Petition for Extension of Time, and the required fees, are enclosed to make the
response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: